

of the donor of the oblation: offer
 worship to the
 shining (heaven): I bring offerings
 to the earth: they,
 the MARUTS, scatter the rapid
 (rain); they traverse
 the firmament; they combine their
 own radiance with
 (that of) the clouds.

2. From their approach the
 earth trembles with
 fear, as a crowded boat goes
 quivering (through the
 water): visible from afar, they are
 recognised by their
 movements: the MARUTS,
 leaders (of rites), pass
 between (heaven and earth) to the
 solemn sacrifice.

3. You bear, for your
 decoration, an excellent
 (diadem) like the horn of cattle: as
 the sun, the eye
 (of day, dispenses light), so (are
 you diligent) in the
 distribution of the rains: graceful
 are you, and rapid
 as horses, and, like (pious)
 mortals, you, leaders (of
 rites), consider (holy ceremonies)
 for their glory.

4. "Who may exalt the great
 excellencies of you who
 are adorable? who may (offer you
 fitting) praises? who
 (glorify your) manly (deeds)? for
 you make the earth
 tremble like a ray (of light) when
 you confer the gift
 (of rain) for (the diffusion of)
 fertility.

5. Resplendent as steeds, of one
 kindred, they en-
 gage in combat like valiant heroes:
 like (prosperous)
 men, they, the leaders (of rites),
 have increased (in
 power), and cover the eye of the
 sun with showers.

6. None of them are older, none
 younger (than the
 others): the destroyers of (foes),
 none hold a middle
 (rank), but all excel in glory:
 honourable by birth,
 having PRISNI for your mother,

do you, MARUTS,
favourable to man, come from
heaven to our presence.
7. Like birds (that fly) in rows
they pass along in
their strength above the
vast summit (of the sky) to
the ends of the firmament: their
horses have caused